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STATE OF DELAWARE COUNCIL ON REAL ESTATE APPRAISERS

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PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES: COUNCIL ON REAL ESTATE APPRAISERS

MEETING DATE AND TIME: Tuesday, June 18, 2019 at 9:30 a.m.

PLACE: Division of Professional Regulation

861 Silver Lake Blvd., Conference Room A Cannon Bldg., Dover, Delaware 19904

MINUTES FOR APPROVAL: July 16, 2019

MEMBERS PRESENT

Douglas Nickel, Professional Member, Chair Earl Timmons, Professional Member, Vice-Chair Georgianna Trietley, Professional Member Christopher Schneider, Professional Member Patricia Ennis, Public Member Kimberly Holliday-Hopkins, Public Member Kevin Gillis, Banking Member

MEMBERS ABSENT

Scott Brown, Professional Member Denise Stokes, Public Member

DIVISION STAFF/DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL PRESENT

Kevin Maloney, Deputy Attorney General Jennifer Witte, Administrative Specialist II

OTHERS PRESENT

Bob Guerrero

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Nickel called the meeting to order at 9:34 a.m.

REVIEW OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Mr. Nickel, seconded by Mr. Schneider, to approve the minutes from the May 21, 2019 meeting as amended. The motion was unanimously carried.

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UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Discussion on the Continuing Education Requirement

Mr. Nickel recapped the discussion from the May 21, 2019 meeting for Council members that weren't present at the meeting. The Council members that weren't present voiced their thoughts on amending the current continuing education requirement.

After the brief discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Timmons, seconded by Mr. Schneider, to approve the amendments as discussed and have Mr. Maloney send to the Registrar of Regulations to move forward with a rules and regulations public hearing pending the lifting of the moratorium. The motion was carried by Mr. Nickel, Ms. Ennis, Ms. Holliday-Hopkins and Mr. Gillis. Ms. Trietley abstained.

Discussion on Unlicensed Inspectors

Mr. Nickel tabled this discussion until the July 16, 2019 meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Legislative Update

Ms. Witte advised that the Division sent the response to the ASC Staff Preliminary Compliance Review Findings of the Delaware AMC Program letter and report which stated "that statutory changes regarding the AMC registration fee were signed into law on May 15, 2019. Another bill, HB 154, was introduced on May 14, 2019 and assigned to the House Sunset Committee. This bill updates the real estate appraisers' practice act to comply with federal law by clarifying the definition of federally-related transaction and adding a definition for federal financial institutions regulatory agencies. Changes to these definitions would render Delaware's definitions consistent with federal law. Section two of the bill changes the renewal for appraisal management companies from every two years to annually to facilitate the renewal procedure for the Division of Professional Regulation. Section three of the bill eliminates the current allowance in Delaware for a revoked or suspended real estate appraiser to have an ownership interest in an AMC, and section four disallows AMCs from removing an appraiser from its appraiser panel without prior notice." In addition, the "two issues identified as out of compliance for AMCs have been addressed with the statutory changes just mentioned."

Mr. Nickel expressed his concerns with not being made aware of the mentioned bills existence while being approached by public associates.

Ms. Witte referenced the April 16, 2019 meeting where the Council was advised the status of its' two Bills. House Bill 71 w/House Amendment 1 has passed the Senate and is currently waiting for the Governor to sign and the second House Bill is being introduced in the House and will have a Committee Hearing on it.

Mr. Maloney added that the legislation was needed to not be found to be out of compliance with the ASC and was expedited due to the timing of the current Session ending.

Review of Continuing Education Activities

After review, a motion was made by Mr. Nickel, seconded by Mr. Timmons, to approve the continuing education activities as follows:

IRWA

Principles of Real Estate Appraisal, C400, 16 hours CE (classroom)

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Appraisal Institute

Rural Area Appraisal: Freddie Mac Guidelines and Property Eligibility Requirements, 7 hours CE (classroom)

Online Fundamentals of Apartment Appraising, 7 hours CE (online)

Artificial Intelligence, AVMs and Blockchain: Implications for Valuation, 4 hours CE (classroom)

The motion was unanimously carried.

After review, a motion was made by Mr. Nickel, seconded by Mr. Timmons, to table the following continuing education activities for additional documentation:

Appraisal Institute

Appraisal Institute Annual Conference – Day 1, 6 hours CE (classroom)

Appraisal Institute Annual Conference – Day 2, 4 hours CE (classroom)

The motion was unanimously carried.

Ratify Temporary Practice Permits

A motion was made by Mr. Timmons, seconded by Ms. Trietley, to approve the ratified temporary practice permits of Mark Moore, James O'Neil, Daniel Knezevich, Gregory Kendall and Salvatore Louise. The motion was unanimously carried.

Ratify Certified General Real Property Appraiser Applications

A motion was made by Mr. Timmons, seconded by Ms. Trietley, to approve the ratification of the certified general real property appraiser applications of Heather Esposito and Jake Kociencki. The motion was unanimously carried.

Ratify Certified Residential Real Property Appraiser Applications

A motion was made by Ms. Trietley, seconded by Mr. Gillis, to approve the ratification of the certified residential real property appraiser application of Brian Graham. The motion was unanimously carried.

Ratify Certification as an Assessor Applications

A motion was made by Ms. Trietley, seconded by Ms. Holliday-Hopkins, to approve the ratification of the certification as an assessor application of Tamatha Edwards. The motion was unanimously carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

There was no correspondence before the Council.

OTHER BUSINESS BEFORE THE COUNCIL

The Council had a brief discussion on the licensing requirements for reviews of properties in Delaware. The Council will continue this discussion during future meetings.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

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NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be July 16, 2019 at 9:30 a.m. in Conference Room A.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, a motion was made by Mr. Timmons, seconded by Ms. Trietley, to adjourn the meeting at 10:34 a.m. The motion unanimously carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer L. Witte

Administrative Specialist II